

Your Right to Know
Is the Key to All Your Liberties

EDITORIALS

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY — Congressman James B. Utt of Santa Ana reports that there are 100 taxes on an egg, 116 on a man's suit, 150 on a woman's hat, 151 on a loaf of bread, and 600 on a house. He says a family with a \$5000 a year income pays nearly one-third of it out in taxes—hidden and direct.

Our County Supervisors

Torrance is in the enviable position of having two able members of the County Board of Supervisors whose jurisdiction areas encompass large parts of the city.

In Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's second district is that area of Torrance north of 190th St. The balance of the city is in the fourth district represented by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Both men are seeking re-election to the important posts at the June 7 primary election.

Supervisor Chace will run unopposed, a tribute to his fair and productive representation of his district. A strong vote of confidence in his assignment is in order at the polls, however.

Supervisor Hahn is the oldest member of the board in point of service and the Herald believes his re-election is necessary.

During his years as a Supervisor, Hahn has become a sharp-eyed watchdog of county actions and expenditures, often throwing the weight of his office against those projects which he believes unnecessary and wasteful of the taxpayers dollars.

On the other hand, he has compiled an almost unparalleled record of providing the basic needs of his district—roads, recreation areas, modernization of flood control facilities, and other essential services.

In addition to this, he has spearheaded campaigns to get badly needed freeway construction accelerated in this area, and has often added his support for community betterment projects within the cities in his district.

Hahn has the formal education and practical background to continue his excellent representation of the large second supervisory district, and the Herald recommends him to the voters for re-election.

Opinions of Others

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Many words have been written in the past few months on the subject of payola. We have been shocked at the fraud perpetrated upon the public by the rigged quiz shows. Really, there has been much evidence of late that the moral fibre of our country folk is breaking down.

Who may we blame for this sad, sickening mess? Have we stopped to realize that our own kind have taken us for the great American boob that we are? If the quiz shows have been able to play millions of viewers for suckers, where did the suckers come from?

Who will make the first move to correct moral decay? Will it be the farmer, paid for not farming his land? Or will it be the executive padding his expense account? Will it be the railroad fireman who tends no fires, the brakeman who touches no brakes?

Will it be the student who cheats, the veteran who fakes disability, the bureaucrat who makes useless work, the politician who buys votes, the special interests who buy politicians, the merchant whose fancy package conceals a shoddy product? Let he who is without blame cast the first stone!

Everything incorporated in our Lions Code of Ethics admonishes us away from the sort of shallow, materialistic society we have built for our country. If we live our daily lives in accordance with our Code of Ethics and if we can influence our fellowman to do likewise we can go a long way in destroying that atmosphere in which money is everything and quality nothing.

When it comes to reckoning the cost to society of moral decay, few men seek to add up the bill. But we ought never to lose sight of who pays. WE ALL PAY.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Kind of material
 - Coat with ice
 - Part of a radius
 - Before
 - Student
 - War god
 - Symbol for nickel
 - Wooden supports
 - Exotic
 - Trials
 - A state (abbr.)
 - Playing card
 - Click beetle
 - Four islands
 - Whirling
 - War god
 - Bird's beak
 - Walks unsteadily
 - Exclamation
 - Back god
 - Joined
 - Beef animal
 - Pisces
- DOWN**
- Diverse
 - Dean
 - Two (Roman number)
 - Northern Scandinavian
 - Hebrew month
 - Wear down by friction

VERBAL GRISS
BERATE OUSTER
AS SEPT TOLA
RAT SEEDS PAC
OTIC RARER GE
NEGRO MOTORED
ELMS OPIE
PARADES NESTS
OB MERIT DIET
ROT RENEW NEA
TURE SNAP TA
GIBERS DIAMEN
DEBIT SLIVER

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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Beware The "Unloaded" Gun



Musicians, Clubs Hail Entertainment Tax Cut

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
Reduction of the Federal Entertainment Tax this month from 20 per cent to 10 per cent was mightily good news for musicians, entertainers, night clubs, and sundry other service industries and personnel affected by the levy.

The cut, which went into effect May 1, also was probably encouraging to a number of other industries, many of them small business, encumbered with what they may consider burdensome and discriminatory taxes.

The tax was put on in World War I and was raised to 20 per cent after World War II to discourage unnecessary spending.

Relief for industries affected by the levy came after a four-year campaign headed by the American Federation of Musicians. Research to bolster arguments for relief showed that the tax was responsible for 50 per cent of the unemployment among instrumental musicians, or 40,912 jobs. It showed, too, that there was a loss of approximately 200,000 jobs for cooks, waiters, service help, entertainers and others.

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Automatic Heating Anniversary — Although few people may be thinking of automatic heating this spring, they may soon be seeking air-conditioned comfort. This is the 75th anniversary of automatic heat, and the pioneer in the field — Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. — also is observing its Diamond Jubilee by spearheading an industry-wide campaign to commemorate the occasion. Remarkable advances have been made during the past 75 years in producing indoor climate in the American home.

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America Entertains — With solid prosperity forecast for the "fabulous sixties" and increasing leisure time made available to the American people, producers of consum-

er goods are betting that home entertainment will reach new peaks in both frequency and lavishness.

Typifying the optimism in this segment of the economy is Hallmark Cards, Inc., the nation's leading greeting card and gift wrap manufacturer. This company soon will launch a major expansion into production of party goods for nationwide retail. The line, numbering more than 300 pieces, will include paper plates, cups, table cloths or mats, invitations, place cards, table decorations and in some cases, favors and party hats. Coordinated products will be available for bridge parties, barbecues, children's parties, cocktail parties, showers, and a host of seasonal occasions such as Christmas parties, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day events.

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and adjusted them through remote furnace controls. This bulky thermostat is now a small device on the wall. The industry-wide anniversary program will be directed at focusing consumer attention on advances made in the industry in producing controlled indoor climate in the American home. Last year comfort-loving homeowners spent \$4 billion for automatic heating equipment produced, sold, installed and serviced by 800,000 persons supplying 60,000 dealers and their 500,000 employees.

Things to Come — The aviation industry now has its eye on junior jet airliners, which would weigh only half as much as the current super jets and would be used on flights of 300 to 1,200 miles. One aircraft company shows interest in a three-engine short-to-medium range jet, while another has a twin-engine craft in mind. Cost likely would be around \$3 million, compared with more than \$5 million for the larger ships. A major U.S. boat builder is coming up with land-locked water showrooms for displaying its boats along highways. It claims the "marmas" will allow prospective buyers to visualize their boats on the water.

Export Boom — Overseas shipments of U.S.-made goods showed a sharp upswing during the late winter and early spring months. The month of March showed a particularly sparkling performance, with total non-military exports of \$1.67 billion hitting a three-year high for any month.

Further, according to a government report, exports in the first quarter represented an annual rate of \$18.3 billion. If achieved, that figure would be well ahead of 1958 and 1959 levels, and would add up to good news for countless plants turning out goods destined for overseas consumers.

Bits o' Business — Automobile owners who patronize one Southern gas service station find their cars wrapped in plastic bags when they pick them up following wash jobs. . . Manufacturers of voting machines foresee record sales in the making. It is estimated that about half of all U.S. voters will use the more than 105,000 machines expected to be in operation this fall, an increase of 16,000 over 1956.

The Old Timer

Many Residents Urging Stricter Driver Tests

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
Assemblyman, 46th District
A lady in Inglewood wrote to me: "I want stricter drivers' licenses. Too many people driving cars have defective vision, poor co-ordination, or emotional instability. I would rather pay a few dollars more for my license and know that there is less chance of getting killed by poor drivers."

An insurance man in Westchester wrote: "If we were more careful about who is licensed to drive cars, there would be less deaths and injuries, and smaller claims for automobile damage. This would lower the insurance rates."

A psychologist in Playa del Rey wrote: "Would it be possible to give applicants for a driver's license some kind of a test to eliminate those who are emotionally unstable. I am not looking for business of this kind, but surely there must be some legal way to accomplish this."

"Truck drivers employed by large trucking companies are carefully examined by their employers and also by the Teamsters' Union, if they are members."

A doctor of medicine in Redondo Beach said: "I am a general practitioner and not a psychiatrist, but I know that several of my patients have defective vision or poor co-ordination and I do not want them to drive cars, but they get licenses and drive regardless of my advice. What can we do about it?"
A law-enforcement officer who lives in El Segundo said: "I do not want to be quoted,

but policemen and sheriffs believe that many deaths and serious accidents, not to mention car damage, are caused by people who are emotionally disturbed. Maybe a man or woman had an argument with his spouse, is late to work, is angry, and drives carelessly. We get these cases after something happens, but we would like to see some preventive measures."

A Manhattan Beach housewife wrote to me: "My husband likes to sleep late. He gulps only part of the breakfast I cook for him, drives fast to work, and if he gets into heavy traffic, as he usually does, he is frustrated, his blood pressure goes up, and he comes home with crumpled fenders, traffic tickets, and a story that it was all the other fellow's fault. I don't suppose any law would slow him down, but try!"

An Hermosa Beach lawyer who has a big practice involving auto accidents reported: "If everyone would drive more carefully, obey the speed limits, and keep their tempers down, my practice would fall off considerably, but maybe we ought to have stricter examinations before people get drivers' licenses."

A Redondo Beach automobile mechanic said: "Most of my time is spent fixing the bodies of cars damaged because either the driver of the damaged car, or some other driver, was too thoughtless. I like my work and am paid well, but I often wonder if we could accomplish something through State legislation to reduce accidents."

A Palos Verdes Estates

woman telephoned me "We have speed limit signs all over the village but the worst offenders are prominent people who are leaders in the community. They seem to think the speed limit signs are intended for someone else. I am not sure that new laws will remedy the trouble, but think it over."

A lady living in Hollywood Riviera (the coastal section of Torrance) wrote:

"I do not think many drivers are really crazy, but they act like it. My husband thinks we need more laws but I think we need more compliance by citizens with the existing laws."

Robert McCarthy, State Director of Motor Vehicles, recently said: "The present driver license examination in California is just about as effective as we can make it and it will ever be. Let us remember the driver examiners are not psychiatrists and ought not to be."

Lee Backstrand, Member of the Assembly from Riverside, and chairman, Assembly Committee on Transportation and Commerce, of which I have been a member for many years, disagreed. He said that it is too easy to get a driver's license and that continuing studies of pre-license testing should be made.

"Perhaps it is right to say the examiner should not be a psychiatrist," Backstrand added, "but it may very well be that the examiners need to be psychologists, at least, to help us determine who should be granted the driving privilege."

Student Essayists Say Power is Key to Peace

By TERRY SWIFT
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What is power? A good question; not one easily answered.

Is power economic? That may be true.

When England controlled her vast overseas empire, she was the most powerful nation on earth; but England has since lost the major portion of her colonies.

Is power the possessing of great armies by nations? Perhaps. During the Second World War, Germany possessed the largest, most well-trained, most well-equipped army of all time. Yet, Germany fell.

Is the power possessing of great quantities of ICBM's and nuclear warheads? True today; yet one can never know when even this advanced stage of power will fade into the past.

Perhaps power is the moral strength of the people. True in the United States; but how about the Soviet Union? I seriously doubt that the people of the USSR love their form of government so much they would gladly lay down their lives for it.

In the past, power has depended on colonization, and the processing of large standing land and naval forces, and on economic stability.



"A frequent and annoying trouble with a budget is that you can't seem to."—Harry I Shumway.

"One of our biggest problems is that the problems faced by the human race are accumulating much faster than solutions."—Wall Street Journal.

"The new 10 per cent federal tax on air conditioners is the closest Uncle Sam has yet come to putting a tax on the air he breathe."—Don Robinson.

"The reason so many Congressmen are anxious to be re-elected is that they'd hate to try to make a living under the laws they passed."—Adam Wade.

This is true in part today; but there are few areas left to colonize, and most nations' foreign colonies have since become independent nations.

And in regards to possessing large standing military forces, the idea is not only impractical but obsolete. Should a nuclear war become evident, no nation would have the time to mobilize its forces. War would begin and end in a matter of hours and so would civilization, as we know it, just as quickly.

Today there are two camps of power, each based upon different ideals. They are the United States of America, heading the camp of democracy, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, heading the camp of communism. Past indications have shown that the communists do not want to peacefully co-exist with democracy.

The doctrines of communism state that the USSR is bent on placing the world under communist domination. The Soviet premier himself stated over American television that our great-grandchildren would live under communism. Which is best, democracy or communism? Think before you answer. You say democracy unhesitatingly; perhaps you are right, who knows save God? Yet I believe that peace can exist on our troubled globe; but not without power to enforce peace.

Peace must be wanted by all mankind before it can finally be obtained. Yet the very nature of man rebels against peace. One has only to look to the past for a prime example. At the end of World War I everyone thought that they had peace at last.

All who had witnessed the devastating struggle between so many nations sincerely believed that the world was sick of war. Man even tried to outlaw war with the signing of the Kellogg-Briand Pact; but the pact contained no provision to enforce the peace. So, in 1939, Hitler invaded Poland.

We have seen, therefore, that there cannot be peace without power to enforce the peace; but there can be peace if the major nations, that is to say the United States and the Soviet Union, take the

first step in reaching a mutual understanding.

Man is sick of aggression and hatred. Peace can be had by all if all will only cooperate. Total disarmament is a fantasy; no nation is going to demolish her defenses without being absolutely sure that every other nation has done the same. There can be peace, therefore, only if man will pull together; but it must be a peace with the power to enforce it.

By PAIGE BAILLIE
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Patriotism is the basis of our national power. It cannot be taught or implied, but is developed through a chain of experiences. From a true knowledge of our government, recognizing its attributes along with its faults, evolves the understanding that this, above all, is what we believe in.

With complete recognition and a knowledge fulfilled comes the experience of true belief — this is patriotism. To realize the accomplishments and accept the faults with admittance, is the key to understanding.

To go forth with an open mind and experience, and to be appreciative of the nation in which you live — this is patriotism — the patriotism which produces pride in our country, and everything it stands for. We fight for our country to keep it ours, but first it must be ours to begin with. The patriot is the only one who can claim a country as his own.

The armed forces are necessary to insure the welfare of a country, but a STONG defense is imperative to the lives of its people. Strength does not mean only the assurance of victory through force — for strength without meaning is a country without a purpose.

Strength alone may induce a nation's victory, but without patriotism, the people are captives within their own country. To defend through force without belief, may lead to a triumph — but undeserved.

This is why I am proud of my country and the men who defend it, and why we are fortunate to have our army forces — who believe patriotism is the power behind our peace.